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NORTHERN SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE SECTION LINGCOD SALMON TROLL BYCATCH CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that retention of lingcod bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery will close in the entire Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section at 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 13, 2012. The 2012 lingcod quota for troll fisheries in the NSEO Section is 3,200 round pounds. To date, over 2,800 round pounds have been taken from this area and it is estimated that the remainder of the quota will be taken at the time of the closure.

The lingcod bycatch season remains open in salmon troll fisheries in the East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector, Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict, and Southern Southeast Internal Waters (SSEIW) Sector. The Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS) closed to commercial lingcod retention in all fisheries on May 23, 2012. Lingcod catch will be closely monitored and fishermen should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by news release and on the United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

Updates of area closures for all lingcod fisheries will be available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. For additional information on groundfish bycatch in the salmon troll fishery, refer to the news release issued on April 23, 2012.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1112.

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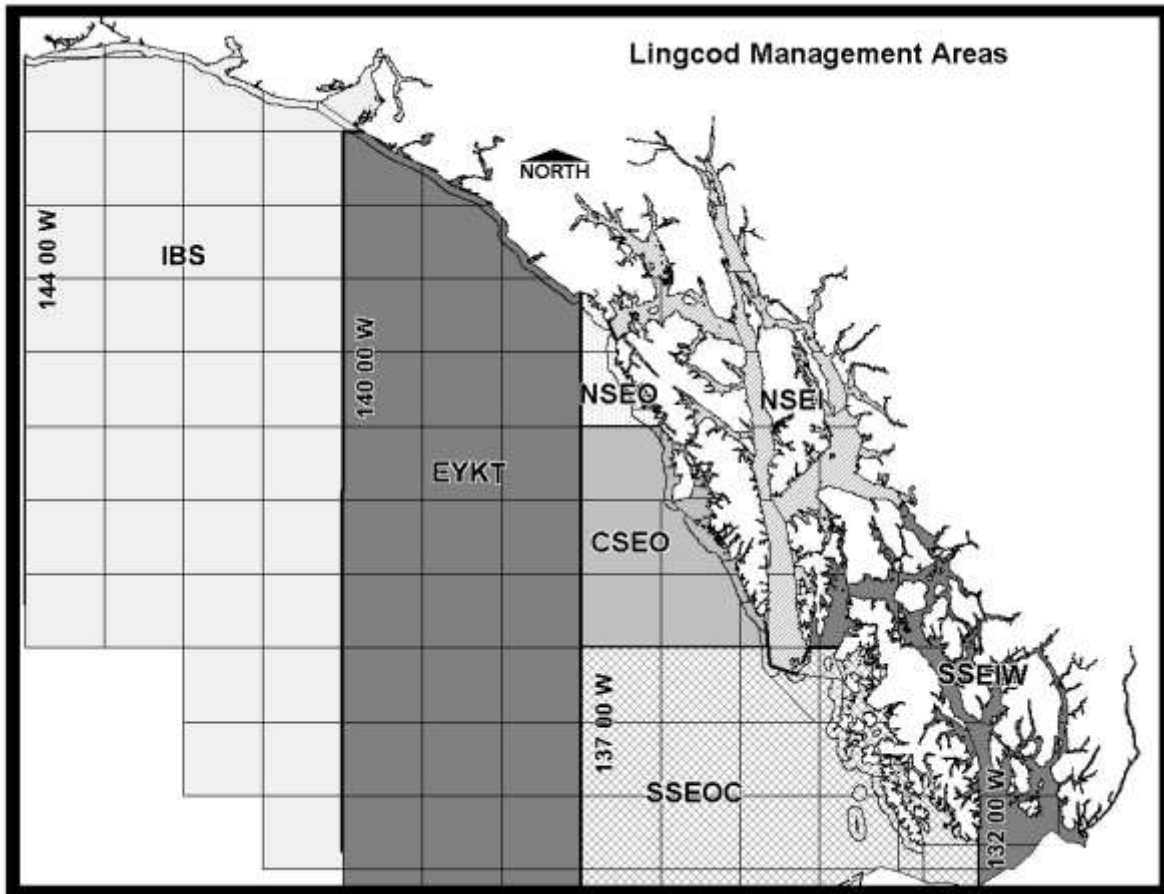


Figure 1. Southeast Alaska Lingcod Management Areas.

This map is for general reference only. For detailed descriptions of Lingcod Management Area boundaries, refer to 5AAC 28.105.